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1. On 15 August 1953, [redacted] reported that the SED Central Committee, on order of Moscow, was making plans for the holding of a referendum. This referendum is allegedly designed to raise the prestige of the Grotewohl government and is to serve as a substitute for a general election. Source stated that the questions to be decided by the population would be posed in Hitler's style, so everybody would need to support the government.
2. The agency charged with the coordination of all administrative work and headed by Werner Eggerath will be deactivated and Eggerath given a minor post.

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